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Amendment dated June 10, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The March 18, 2005 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are cancelled, amended and added, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS AND ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Office Action, claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0027029 (Yatagai et al.) in view of USP 5,251,718 (Inagawa et al.).

The Examiner's indication that claims 4-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged and appreciated.

In response, claim 4 is cancelled and limitations from claim 4 are incorporated into independent claim 1. In addition, claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are amended to place the claims in better form for consideration by the Examiner and to be in better form for

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allowance. The amendments to claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are not related to the patentability of the claims. In addition, withdrawn claims 8-10 are cancelled.

New claim 11 is added to the present application. New claim 11 further defines the snow vehicle recited in claim 1 as including a battery disposed in the second air flow path at a location downstream of the intercooler.

It is respectfully believed that no additional fees are due for the presentation of claim 11. If any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-1378 for such sum.

In view of all of the foregoing, claim 1 and claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 11, which are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 are patentable over the prior art of record under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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